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1. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT S/NM CONSIDER THE FIRST HOTEL IN PLACE OF THE DUSIT THANI FOR ACCOMMODATION OF DELEGATES TO THE EA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE. A COMPARISON OF THE TWO HOTELS FOLLOWS:
2. RATES AT THE FIRST HOTEL ARE 230 BAHT SINGLE AND 290 BAHT DOUBLE (THIS REFLECTS A 50 PERCENT EMBASSY DISCOUNT). DINNERS RANGE FROM 40 TO 80 BAHT. THE FIRST IS FOUR MINUTES WALKF FROM USOM WHERE CONFERENCE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD, AVOIDING THE NECESSITY FOR BUSING. THE FIRST IS REAADILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE EMBASSY AND TO SHOPPING.
3. RATES AT THE DUSIT THANI ARE 510 BAHT SINGLE AND 600 BAHT DOUBLE, REFLECTING A 25 PERCENT EMBASSY DISCOUNT. MEALS ARE ABOUT DOUBLE THE COST OF THOSE AT THE FIRST HOTEL. TRANSPORTATION TO USOM WOULD REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 30 MINUTES AT PEAK TRAFFIC HOURS. THE DUSIT THANI HAS QUOTED US A PRICE OF 2500 BAHT PER DAY FOR BUSING (TWO ROUND TRIPS PER DAY).

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4. THE FIRST HOTEL IS CLEAN AND WELL-RUN BUT DEFINITELY
A "MODEST" HOTEL IN COMPARISON WITH THE DUSIT THANI.
BOTH HAVE SWIMMING POOLS AND SHOPS OF ALL KINDS. OBVIOUSLY,
EVERYTHING IS MORE EXPENSIVE AT THE DUSIT THANI.

5. THE FIRST HOTEL MANAGEMENT IS WAITING OUR WORD
CONCERNING RESERVATIONS SO WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
REPLY AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.
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